

coming to the aid of the ones in need EXCEPT FOR THE OCCASIONAL AUXILIARY CG BOATS (manned by volunteers) and the Kenton County Kentucky Water Rescue Service boat (as far as I know... not attached to the USCG). What I am stressing, is, the USCG acts much as a Net Control Station but does not actually send help unless an Auxiliary or other non-government boat operating in the area responds.

Actually, the Auxiliary usually only operates on week ends during the summer season. The only other boats are a couple of fire department and sheriff boats up on the Cincinnati Area. So the effectiveness of the government in helping a boat in distress is in acting as a Net Control Station. To my knowledge I don't think the FCC even gets involved in the matters of safety but want to charge us for the use of safety equipment the boat owner has purchased with his own money.

Since I have heard much "CB" type of action (no call letters used) already this past season, I can only guess that that is because it costs \$35.00 for a permit. The conclusion that I come to is that if the costs to the boaters doubles, more and more of the boot-leg operations will be made.

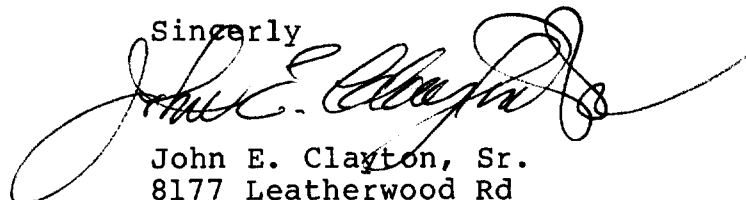
Without call letters, the FCC will have one happy time trying to track down the CB type of operation and of course, cannot identify such operation due to the short times these stations stay on the air. In effect, the higher the fees charged, the more boaters will not pay and will boot-leg. You saw what happened when CB was allowed to get out of control. It doesn't take a lawyer to figure where VHF marine radio could easily go.

I am strictly against the raise in costs as proposed. As a matter-of-fact, I look upon VHF marine radio as a safety device to have in my boat to call for help if needed, and don't believe there should be ANY cost for the permit. If it's OK to charge for this safety device, how soon will we have to pay user fees for Personal flotation devices, flares, red flags and the like.

I paid the new fee of \$35.00, although a bit grudgingly so that I could use my radio. The US citizen is hit everywhere and pays more and more. We get used to it but it's not fair to just go ahead and hit him again and again just because he is there.

Please do not consider another charge without providing some services for the charge. Fine the boot-leggers and get your money there but leave the law-abiding guy alone....please.

Sincerely



John E. Clayton, Sr.
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The Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

The purpose of this letter is to register my disapproval of the recent proposal by the FCC to increase the fees associated with licensing marine radios. In a recent article appearing in the Capital newspaper published in Annapolis, Maryland, it was reported that the FCC planed to increase the application fee to \$75. I am sure that you are aware that marine radios are not inexpensive items to purchase to begin with and to add an additional \$75 for securing a license will put these vital safety items beyond the reach of many recreational boaters. I purchased a marine radio two years ago for the express purpose of providing security for my wife and I who enjoy boating on the Chesapeake Bay. We are both 60 years old and having the radio provides us with a sense of security and peace of mind should either one of us need medical or other assistance while on the water. The Capital reported that the reason for the increase in license fee was due to the increase in applications and the cost of handling these. If so, why not let retail outlet stores issue the license and let the retailers submit the license number and other needed information about the licensee? What ever the cause, surely there is some way to avoid taxing the boating public once again. The marine industry and the boating public has just recovered from the government imposed 10% boat tax and now you come along and want to double the license fee. We had the option of not purchasing a boat and avoiding the now defunct 10% tax, but most do not have the option of being without a vital safety item such as the marine radio.

Please reconsider this proposal and put public safety first and keep license fees within the reach of the average boater.

Sincerely,

Herb Shearin

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Dear Sir:

I have just become aware of the FCC's proposal to double the VHF radio license fee. I protest this outrageous proposal. There is no justification to increase fee charges, let alone double them! I have been boating with the use of a VHF radio since 1988 and see no service being provided for the fee. If this proposal goes through, you will cause boaters to abandon VHF for CB radios, and in the process cause a defacto safety problem that will ultimately cost loss of life and property. We better get another tax to get the Coast Guard to monitor CB frequencies.

My dealings with the FCC have involved long delays in getting a license, callous letter replies and an imperial fortress mentality. You make the DMV look good. I am convinced your agency is grossly inefficient and could care less about any service to the public. Your past policies on handling forms with a mistake and forfeiting the \$35.00 fee as well is an example of beurocratic arrogance and carelessness! Forgive me for telling the truth.

I have no idea what the current \$35.00 fee does for my safety or benefit. If this proposal to double the license fee is implemented you can count on me not renewing my VHF license. I'll go to CB Channels. This proposal smacks of the ill fated boaters tax - what next!

Yours truly,


Richard A. Anderson

cc: Congressman John Doolittle

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January 15, 1994

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Re: Proposed increase in marine radio license fee

Sirs:

This is to oppose the proposed doubling in the fee for a marine VHF radio license.

As a holder for over 30 years of FCC licenses, now including Amateur Extra, 2nd class Radiotelegraph, and marine station, I am familiar with proper radio station use and licensing procedures.

A VHF radio is a vital safety item which should be aboard every boat. Possession and proper use of these radios saves lives and property. Their use by boaters to report dangerous situations to the Coast Guard helps that agency do its job, and reduces its work load.

The proposed regulation would discourage boaters from obtaining VHF radios and from properly licensing those that are obtained. It would also encourage boaters who sell their boat and buy a new one to carry their unexpired license to the new vessel.

All these effects are contrary to the public safety and welfare.

For these reasons, I oppose the proposed fee increase.

Sincerely,


Walt Bilofsky

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to comment on the planned fee increase for maintaining a VHF radio license. I feel this fee is entirely inappropriate and unwarranted. There is no justification for the proposed increase. Processing renewals cannot cost this much.

More importantly, I believe my safety and the safety of others will be compromised. I can no longer justify keeping my VHF radio aboard my boat; when my license expires next November I will simply remove it. This will not change much for me. The only times I have used the radio has been to alert the Coast Guard to problems I have seen other boats having. I *do regret* losing the ability to summon help if I need it but I consider this probability to be small. Unfortunately I will also lose the ability to summon help for others; I will also be unavailable to respond to calls for help from nearby vessels. I believe many others feel the same as I do on this matter and that overall the security of all vessels on the water will suffer.

It is very unfortunate that the safety of those of us who spend time at sea must be compromised simply because our short sighted government wants to bring in more money. I appreciate that boaters in general have very little political power and represent easy targets but this fee (tax) increase is wrong and will result in unnecessary losses.

Sincerely,



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Glenbrook
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to the FCC to express my opinion about increasing the renewal fee from \$35 to \$70 dollars.

As you may have guessed I am opposed to the increase. The reasons being I'm not sure why were even pay the \$35 and now you won't \$70. The \$35 is a tax, it does not cost this much to administrate the processing fee's for five year renewal. I'm a programmer analyst and design various types of computer system and know what costs are. You only won't to create another tax. As always the US Government agencies are trying to tax the general public, without a good reasons. The US Government agencies must start to learn that increasing fee's is not the solution.

As managers you are well aware that it will not help in the long term. Increasing fee's is not the solution.

Sincerely, Angry Tax Payer, Once Again.

Rynol Lee Roberts



P.O. Box 2247
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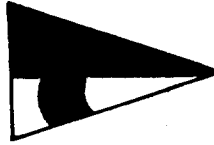
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North Weymouth, Massachusetts 02191



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January 20, 1994

Office of Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to protest any increases in fees relating to marine VHF-FM radios. Increasing fees will only prohibit more people from using their best link to safety. Also, recreational boaters already pay their fair share of taxes that yield no benefit to those who pay.

In my opinion, any increase will be both unfair and possibly life threatening to many boat owners. I urge you to **not** increase any fees related to the ownership or operation of marine VHF-FM radios.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours Truly,

Joseph M. Kurilecz
Secretary, SSYC, Inc.

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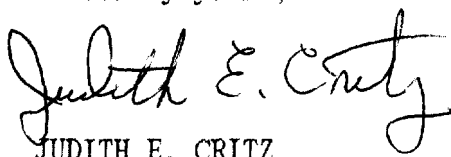
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Dear FCC COMSUMER ASSISTANCE:

I am writing because of possible new fees for Marine radios that may be coming. 90% of boaters are trailerable and use their radios very little and mostly purchase them for emergencies and their families safety. I teach safe boating classes for both the Coast Guard Auxiliary and United states power Squadrons and always give applications for the marine radios and encourage people to get a radio for safety, but with higher and higher fees, I feel either people will not send off for the license or not want to get a radio at all. I discourage the use of CB's, but because there is no fees, it certainly is going to be a concern for boating safety. Doubling the rates would be a disservice to family boaters, and their boating safety. Please take in to consideration one life you may save.

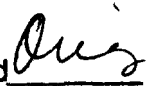
THIS LETTER REFERS TO PLANNED FCC REGULATORY FEES.

Sincerely yours,



JUDITH E. CRITZ

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Mr. Donald J. Padgett
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Seattle, WA 98108

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission
c/o Office of Managing Director,
Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M St. NW,
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Sir:

I have just read in the latest issue of BOAT/U.S. Reports that the FCC is proposing to require a new license fee (TAX) for VHF Marine Radio Licenses.

For Recreational Boaters a VHF radio is an essential piece of safety equipment. I have used my VHF radio to call for assistance when my engine quit on Puget Sound (caused by water contamination in fuel I had purchased).

You already tax this piece of safety equipment by charging \$35.00 for a station license. When will you consider the taxes you collect to be high enough; when no one can afford to have a VHF radio on their boat because the taxes exceed the cost of the radio?

What is the Government going to charge "user fees" for next; Life Vests, Life Rafts, emergency flares? Or maybe just a flat 100% user fee on anything related to Recreational Boating safety equipment.

I won't pay a tax for having a piece of safety equipment on my boat. I will take out my "hard wired" radio and hide a portable VHF radio on my boat for use in an emergency. I will also not be monitoring channel 16 to assist any other boaters who may be calling for help.


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It's time our bureaucratic, overstuffed Government Agencies quit gouging the Taxpayers and provided the services they're supposed to with the more than adequate funds that have already been provided. This has probably escaped you, but the purpose of the FCC is primarily to regulate the Broadcasting Industry, not to take every last penny they can from Recreational Boaters while not providing any services at all in return.

This new tax is a very bad idea, and will only serve to make boating less safe; forget it!

Sincerely,


Donald J. Padgett

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151 Leigh Kay Drive
Lawrenceville, Ga. 30245
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

It has been brought to my attention that your office is proposing an increase in cost for VHF Marine Radio Licenses of \$35.00, in addition to the current \$35.00 (for a 5 year license).

I appreciate your interest in bringing more moneys into your coffers, but I do not find any compelling justifiable rational for such a move.

All that I see that will be accomplished is possibly a few more dollars available to you, ...but what will happen, is this will have a Major Negative Impact On Boating Safety In The U.S.

Recreational boaters need to be encouraged to "Use" Their VHF Radios, and to use them "Correctly" for the safety of all.

Continuing to hassle boaters with so called "User Fees" will only continue to undermine safety, the major purpose of the radio in the first place.

Sincerely,

Roland D. Stohl

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Please send information
rules fees etc on
VHF radio licensing
on a watercraft. 8

Thank You,
Diane Hamburger

DIANE HAMBURGER
1662 INQUOITS DR.
GRAND LEDGE, MI 49837

I am also against
raising the existing
fee. If the radio is a safety
device and its use
should be expanded
not decreased, which
a higher fee will
do.

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PAUL W. FLESHER
557 WEDGEWOOD DR
DAPHNE, AL 36526

NOV. 18, 1993

DEAR SIR,

THE VHF IS THE SAFETY NET OF RECREATIONAL BOATERS,
ITS USE IS INCREASINGLY MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAT
THE COAST GUARD ONLY REACTS TO MAYDAYS.

THE \$35⁰⁰ FEE ALREADY DISCOURAGES VHF
INSTALLATIONS, AND ENCOURAGES ILLEGAL RADIO
USE.

ADDITIONAL "USER FEES" FOR VHF LICENSES WILL
DECREASE SAFETY AND WILL PUT MORE RESPONSIBILITY
ON STATE, COUNTY & LOCAL MARINE ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES FOR INCREASED PATROL.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL VHF LICENSING
COSTS IS A ~~HEAD~~ IDEA THAT SHOULD BE DROPPED
NOW!

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A CONCERNED BOATER,
Phillip W. Flesher

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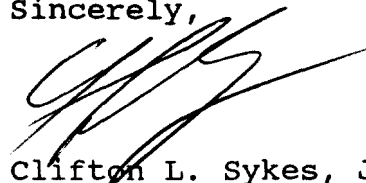
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Sir:

If the mandatory \$35.00 license fee every five years wasn't bad enough, I understand that you are considering a \$7.00 annual user fee. This is outrageous! Next, the IRS will begin charging to use tax forms. I have a CB radio (optional equipment), you require no licensing fee. I have a cellular phone (optional equipment), you require no licensing fee. You **require** a VHF radio and you **require** a fee for that radio. Why? You must not be an elected official.

Sincerely,



Clifton L. Sykes, Jr

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It has come to my att. thru Boat U. S. the Commission is proposing an increase in the V. H. F. user fee double the amount now required. This could put the radio user in an I don't need the radio state of mind. And could or have the user not renew license just use the radio. This is not good for the boater or the F.C.C.. I as a pleasure boater and licensed operator of the V-H.F. would find the increase hard to accept the reason being the radio is only in use 4 to 5 months a year and only 2 to 3 days per week at that. There for I am opposed to this increase. First for the danger it would put the boater in and the unneeded double the fee cost for the time of use

Thank You Phila Pa

Ed Dickler 19152

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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I HEARD ABOUT THE NEW PROPOSED INCREASE FOR THE VHF LICENSE
AND CAN ONLY THINK OF HOW MONEY IS GOING TO CAUSE MANY
MORE PEOPLE TO GET HURT OR EVEN DIE.

I'VE HEARD MANY PEOPLE SAY THAT IF THE FEE IS RAISED THAT THEY
WOULD NOT PAY IT AND WILL GO BACK TO USING A CB RADIO.
A CB RADIO PUTS OUT ABOUT HALF IN WATTAGE AS A VHF RADIO DOES
AND THE SIGNAL TRAVELS ONLY ABOUT A FORTH AS FAR AS A VHF SIGNAL.
WOULD YOU TRY TO DRIVE ACROSS COUNTRY WITH ONLY 1/2 TANK OF GAS?
IT WOULD BE INSANE AND DANGEROUS JUST AS GOING OUT IN A BOAT WITH
ONLY A CB RADIO TO USE TO GET HELP.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS, RAISE THE FEE AND PEOPLE WILL GET HURT AND
DIE.

IS IT WORTH IT FOR MORE MONEY FOR PEOPLE TO DIE? I DON'T THINK SO.

PLEASE RETHINK IT OVER.

DANIEL E. CRAIG
1351 CHERRY STREET
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Nov 12, 1993

Dear Sir;

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In regard to your proposed doubling of V.H.F. marine radio license tax you should consider the following facts.

1. As the operator of a larger well maintained boat. I have in the past, radioed for Coast Guard or tow boat assistance for numerous vessels in dire emergencies - normally small boats.
2. myself and other boaters in the area will would no longer monitor our radios and in turn would not be able to aid the smaller boats.
3. As a member of the United States Power Squadron I and other members have also ceased participating in the Co-operative Charting Program due to the additional fuel taxes that have been enacted.
4. Is it any wonder that there are increased boating accidents and fatalities.

I suggest you offer some financial relief instead of additional taxes; if you want to promote safe boating.

Ronald J. Moneysor
5124 Ithaca Lane
Sarasota, FL 34243

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have recently learned that the FCC soon intends to propose a doubling of the fee currently charged to holders of VHF marine radio licenses. It is my opinion that this increase of a fee which was only recently imposed will have a **SERIOUS NEGATIVE IMPACT** on boating safety. Many of us who are actively involved in providing boating safety information to the public consider the marine VHF radio to be **THE** most important piece of safety equipment on a vessel.

Until recent years, there was no fee charged for a Ship Station License which covered the radio equipment used by voluntarily equipped vessels. Even so, there was reluctance among many to mail the necessary application to the FCC to get a license. With the imposition of the current \$35.00 charge for a five-year license, it has become increasingly difficult to convince boaters, even some who have completed educational courses, that they should have their radio equipment legally licensed. A doubling of the fee at this time would certainly increase the number of boaters who are operating unlicensed radios, or who are going without this important piece of safety equipment.

As a teacher of marine electronics user courses, and one who has a keen interest in the proper use of marine VHF/FM radio, I must add that I perceive **NO DIRECT BENEFIT** provided by the Federal Communications Commission to voluntarily equipped Ship Station licensees. I share this view with many, many other boaters. An increase in the licensing fee can only be seen as an obstacle in getting all boaters legally licensed and all illegal users off marine channels.

Sincerely,

Clyde H. Williams

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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN VHF RADIO LICENSE FEE

Dear Secretary,

I would like to go on record as vehemently opposing this fee increase.

Sincerely,

D.G. Beals

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1821 Escondido Terr.
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Secretary of the FCC
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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir:

I am writing to state why I do not agree with the "user fee" for VHF marine radio licenses.

When we purchased our boat we felt it was necessary to have a radio on board in case of an emergency. We use our boat on the Mississippi River and as you know, this year it was flooded and we were only able to use our boat one hour all season. A season for people on the Mississippi is from midApril to the first part of November, depending on floods and cold weather. An increase in the rate for a radio for this period of time does not make sense.

Not all people who have invested in a boat are rich, they are people who enjoy boating and have invested some of their time-off money into a boat. People will have an increase in gasoline tax, and you want to put a tax on an item that is considered by many a necessity for safety. People will end up doing what they did when the taxes on new boats were increased, they will stop using their marine radios. As a result of no marine radios you could see an increase in boating fatalities due to lack of communicating for assistance.

Please reconsider a user fee for VHF marine radio licenses.

Sincerely,

Mary Witcher
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Subject: VHF "User Fees"

Dear Sir or Madam:

Your proposal to increase fees on holders of VHF Marine Radio licenses will have a very negative impact on safety for boaters.

I know what I'm talking about when it comes to this issue. More and more people have already begun switching to cellular telephones because they can be used in their automobiles and their boats. Your continuous search for more revenue via so called "user fees" only accelerates this dangerous trend. Why is this trend dangerous? When using a VHF marine radio to broadcast a plea for help, other boaters with VHF radios in the general vicinity of the boater may hear the call for help and respond. With cellular calls for help, this will never happen. In fact, loss of boats (and perhaps, boaters) could happen practically in view of other boaters unaware of the emergency.

It is shortsighted on your part to even consider a proposal where revenue takes precedence over common sense and the safety of the citizens you are supposed to serve. In addition, you need to remember a basic law of economics; total revenue = quantity times unit price. Increase the unit price - volume will go down - and total revenue will decrease, not increase! Cellular phones bring into play market forces - something government bureaucrats don't seem to understand.

Very truly yours,

A. A. Armstrong

A. A. Armstrong, Sr.

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To Whom It May Concern;

An additional \$35.00 for a five-year VHF license? A 100% increase? Little bureaucratic agencies such as you never cease to amaze me. Actually, you make me ill.

I have a great idea for you bunch of blood suckers. Why not tax life jackets, first aid kits and fire extinguishers? They are, after all, part of the safety package on most boats in the same manner of a VHF radio.

Get a life,

Patrick M. O'Reilly

8546 Donegal St.

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Managing Director:

in regards to the extra
35⁰⁰ per 5 years more
for a total of 14⁰⁰ per
year for the VHF
License for my boat:

I will leave the damn
radio off the boat if it
goes, will write media, Congress
and the President and tell
you to go to Hell!!!

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Quis. Thank you. Sincerely,
Nick Lova

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Attn: Secretary of the FCC

Sir:

I find the proposal for an addition 100% fee on marine VHF licenses appalling. Is this another of Washington's schemes to rob from the rich? Well, I'm not rich and any additional tax/fee hurts.

As an average boater and a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, I use my VHF radio constantly both on and off duty. While performing courtesy safety inspections for the Auxiliary, I find a large percentage of boaters who do not have FCC licenses for their radios. They are discouraged from obtaining license by the \$35.00 fee. You can imagine the effect doubling the fee would have.

On Lake Cumberland alone, I have estimated that approximately 80% of all boaters operate their radios without license. Numerous boaters ignore the rules of radio operation, using channel 16 as a call channel or for chit-chat.

I believe that stricter enforcement of current rules and license requirements rather than increased fees is a better solution of the funding problem.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Percefull

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DEAR SEC.,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE
AN INCREASE IN FEES
OF \$7.00 A YEAR OVER THE
PRESENT \$5 FOR FIVE
YEARS. TO INCREASE FEES
ON LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT
IS OUT OF LINE.

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